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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN PREMIER VISITS HUNGARY

1. PREMIER TRYGVE BRATTELI, ACCCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY INGVALD ULVESETH AND SEVERAL OTHER OFFICIALS, VISITED HUNGARY OCT. 24-28 AT INVITATION OF PREMIER FOCK. BRATTELI MET WITH HSWP FIRST SECRETARY KADAR, PRESIDENT LOSONCZI AND PREMIER FOCK. SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON BILATERAL TRADE MATTERS AND IN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONCLUDE ROAD TRANSPORT AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS. FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT CARRIED OUT AND BRATTELI REPORTEDLY TRAVELED HERE ONLY TO FULFILL LONG-STANDING AND OFT-REPEATED REQUEST FOR VISIT BY GOH AND HSWP.

2. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED THAT BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED VISIT SUCCESS, IN SPITE OF MODEST RESULTS. GOH HAD APPARENTLY HOPED, HOWEVER, TO SECURE NORWEGIAN COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE OIL DELIVERIES. BRATTELI TOLD FOCK THAT EXTRA OIL PRODUCTION STILL TWO OR THREE YEARS AWAY AND GON HAD TO FIRST MAKE SOME CRUCIAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DECISIONS REGARDING USE OF PETROLEUM REVENUE.

3. FOCK AND BRATTELI DISCUSSED INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED STANDARD REFERENCE TO DETENTE, CYPRUS, MIDEAST SITUATION AND VIETNAM. ONLY SNAG WAS SENTENCE IN HUNGARIAN TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE WHERE BOTH COUNTRIES "EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT SECOND STAGE OF CSCE WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED WITHIN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AND BE FOLLOWED BY THIRD STAGE OF CONFERENCE AT HIGHEST LEVEL." HUNGARIAN TEXT CONVEYS IDEA OF HOPE THAT SUMMIT "WILL BE" HELD AT HIGHEST LEVEL. NORWEGIAN TEXT, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUMMIT "CAN" BE HELD AT HIGHEST LEVEL. BRATTELI HAD TAKEN POSITION WITH FOCK THAT THIRD STAGE SHOULD BE AT "ADEQUATELY HIGH LEVEL" CONSISTENT WITH RESULTS OF SECOND STAGE, AND TEXT OF THIS SENTENCE HAD BEEN SPECIFIC SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION. NORWEGIAN AMB BELIEVES THEIR HUNGARIAN EXPERT DID NOT CATCH DIFFERENCE IN HUNGARIAN WORDING.

4. BOTH SIDES APPARENTLY VIEWED VISIT AS MODERATE SUCCESS. HUNGARIANS HAVE MADE GREAT EFFORT TO COURT SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS FROM WE AND HUNGARIANS MAY HAVE BEEN AS INTERESTED IN BRATTELI AS PARTY LEADER AS PREMIER. THAT ELEMENT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WITH PREVIOUS VISIT OF FINNISH PM, WHO STAYED OVER FOR TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OFFICIAL VISIT.
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